Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 under 25 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Millar in view of Gomez et al.

The Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 8 and added new claims 14-21 in order to more clearly distinguish the invention over cited prior art. The Applicant believes that the added limitations in claims 1, 8, and the new claims 14-21 are novel and patentable over the cited prior art references.

The added limitation in Claims 1 and 8 is that the configuration data defines an operating configuration for system/network independent features. These features are identified on pg 1, lines 14-21 and pg 5 lines 1-12 in the instant specification. This added limitation is not present either explicitly or implicitly in the cited references. Reference Millar, on pg 1 lines 30-36 and pg 3 lines 27-33, focuses on loading and executing service network dependent features/ supplementary services such as voice mail, alphanumeric mail, home-site operation dual-line hold. All these features are dependent on the system that the mobile station is to communicate with. Reference Gomez et. al., in col. 3 25-33, col. 4, lines 15-17 and 37-41, describes changing of the system configuration/operating parameters in the pager device. These system configuration/operating parameters are also paging system/network dependent.

Claims 2-7 and 9-13 are dependent from claims 1 and 8 respectively and therefore should be allowable for the reasons stated previously.

New independent claims 14-21 are similar to claim 1 with the additional limitation in the claims being that the configuration data defines an operating configuration for a specific feature, namely wake-up graphics, hiding or displaying control menu items, subscriber identity module lock setting or encryption and decryption feature respectively. Support for the limitations can be found in the instant specification on pg 5 lines 1-12. Based on the same reasons as above, these limitations are not present in any of the cited references.

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The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to grant allowance of the amended claims 1-13 and newly added claims 14-21 for the reasons stated previously.

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